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Dear Mr. Baker and Mr. Karney:

RE: ENERGY STAR SSL programs reconciliation

As the Administrator of the ENERGY STAR program in Canada, the Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) would like to seek clarifications regarding recent developments on the solid state lighting technology and its corresponding ENERGY STAR specifications. As you know, we have just recently adopted the ENERGY STAR specifications for Residential Light Fixtures in Canada. We have also been monitoring the development of the SSL program by DOE and have great interest in introducing a similar program for this technology on the Canadian market.

Since the recent announcement by EPA to include SSL technology in the Residential Light Fixture Program, we have been concerned about the confusion this may bring to the lighting market. We believe these SSL specifications covered by both EPA and the upcoming DOE programs will be in conflict, thus negatively impacting the ENERGY STAR program credibility not only in the US but also in Canada.

We believe that both EPA and DOE must coordinate their efforts to ensure compatibility of both programs, which is not the case currently. Could you clarify how you intend to ensure compatibility, without overlap, of both programs?

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We have also taken part in CEE conference calls on this topic and were in favor its recommendations to EPA and DOE to suspend the introduction of the Residential Lighting Fixture program version 4.2 until things get resolved.

We believe that the ENERGY STAR program has had a tremendous impact on promoting the use of energy efficient products in Canada and look forward to adding new emerging technologies to the list.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Wilkins".

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